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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSDOR LILLEY, FROM
PRESIDENT BUSH.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT, JUNE 5, 1989

DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, ELEMENTS OF THE CHINESE ARMY HAVE BEEN
BRUTALLY SUPPRESSING POPULAR AND PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN
CHINA. THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD AND CONTINUING VIOLENCE, MANY
CASUALTIES, AND MANY DEATHS. WE DEPLORE THE DECISION TO USE
FORCE, AND I NOW CALL ON THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP PUBLICLY, AS I
HAVE REPEATEDLY IN PRIVATE CHANNELS, TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND TO
RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS POLICY OF RESTRAINT.

THE DEMONSTRATORS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE WERE ADVOCATING BASIC HUMAN
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, FREEDOM OF THE
PRESS, AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION. THESE ARE GOALS WE SUPPORT

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AROUND THE WORLD; THESE ARE FREEDOMS THAT ARE ENSHRINED IN BOTH
THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION. THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD, WE STAND WITH THOSE WHO SEEK GREATER FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY. THIS IS THE STRONGLY FELT VIEW OF MY ADMINISTRATION,
OF OUR CONGRESS, AND OF OUR PEOPLE.

IN RECENT WEEKS, WE HAVE URGED MUTUAL RESTRAINT, NON-VIOLENCE AND
DIALOGUE. INSTEAD, THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLENT AND BLOODY ATTACK BY
THE CHINESE ARMY. THE UNITED STATES CANNOT CONDONE THE VIOLENT

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ATTACKS ON THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS AND CANNOT IGNORE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA, WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF BROAD SUPPORT BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE, BUT FOR REASONED, CAREFUL ACTION THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT BOTH OUR LONG-TERM INTERESTS AND RECOGNITION OF A COMPLEX INTERNAL SITUATION IN CHINA. THERE CLEARLY IS TURMOIL WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK BEYOND THE MOMENT TO IMPORTANT AND ENDURING ASPECTS OF THIS VITAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES. INDEED, THE BUDDING OF DEMOCRACY WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT WEEKS OWES MUCH TO THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED SINCE 1972. IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME TO ACT IN A WAY THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF THE POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF THAT RELATIONSHIP AND THE PROCESS OF

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DEMOCRATIZATION. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR ALL IF CHINA WERE TO PULL BACK TO ITS PRE-1972 ERA OF ISOLATION AND REPRESSION.

MINDFUL OF THESE COMPLEXITIES AND YET OF THE NECESSITY TO STRONGLY AND CLEARLY EXPRESS OUR CONDEMNATION OF THE EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS, I AM TODAY ORDERING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

— SUSPENSION OF ALL GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT SALES AND COMMERCIAL EXPORTS OF WEAPONS.

— SUSPENSION OF VISITS BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINESE MILITARY LEADERS.

— SYMPATHETIC REVIEW OF REQUESTS BY CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE

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U.S. TO EXTEND THEIR STAY HERE.

— THE OFFER OF HUMANITARIAN AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
RED CROSS TO THOSE INJURED DURING THE ASSAULT ON BEIJING.

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-- REVIEW OF OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AS
EVENTS IN CHINA CONTINUE TO UNFOLD.

THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION OF COMMUNIST SOCIETIES WILL NOT
BE SMOOTH. WE MUST REACT TO SETBACKS IN A WAY WHICH STIMULATES
RATHER THAN STIFLES PROGRESS TOWARD OPEN AND REPRESENTATIVE
SYSTEMS.

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